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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.
5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
6. Composite Index - an aggregate of four leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; and Average Weekly Initial Claims. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U.S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.
7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.
9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.
10. OJT - On the Job Training provided under the MDTA.
11. JOBS "70" - On the Job Training including supportive services.
12. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

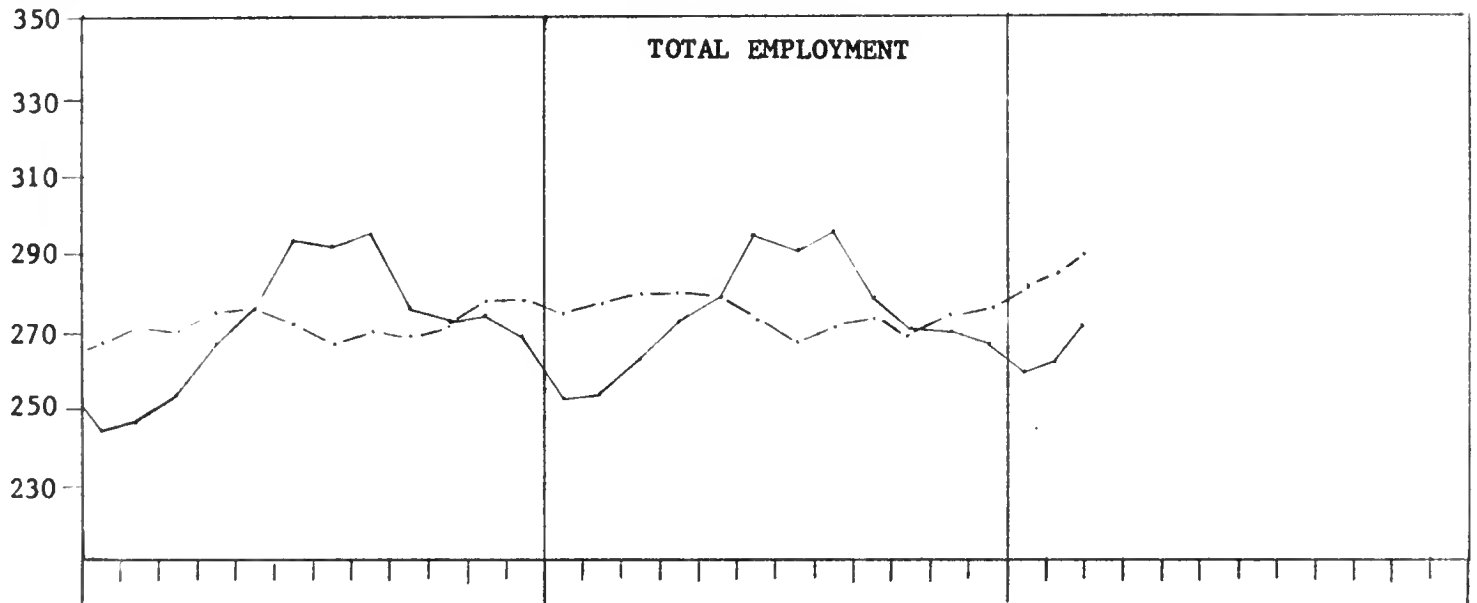
MARCH 1973

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(Seasonally Adjusted: .-.-.)

1971 - 1973

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

MARCH 1973

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's civilian work force for February 1973 was 285.3 thousand, a 1% increase from February 1972 and an increase of 200 over the January 1973 total. Employment also increased in Montana as February 1973 employment totaled 261.6 thousand as compared to 258.8 thousand in January one month ago and 253.8 in February 1972. The unemployment rate for February was 8.3%, down .9% from one month ago and 1.0% less than the same month one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased in February by 1,800 for a total of 236.3 thousand. Construction employment during February 1973 stood at 8.2 thousand, 300 more than in January but down 600 from the same month one year ago. With milder weather setting in, the building season is beginning to show some progress. Some of the building projects in Montana that are ready to get underway are: a one-million dollar, 70 room expansion of a Butte motel complex; construction of a fried chicken chain store business worth \$100,000 in Anaconda; an \$80,000 fourplex to be built in Miles City; a \$287,500 project for construction of a dike on the east side of Canyon Ferry lake near Helena; a \$600,000 addition to the Employment Security building in Helena; a million dollar retail complex in Great Falls; a \$15 million plywood manufacturing plant near Missoula; and bids were taken for an estimated \$900,000 secondary sewage treatment plant in Kalispell.

Mining employment was 6.5 thousand in February 1973, up 100 from January's employment and an increase of 500 from the same period one year ago. What could be the beginning of another oil boom for the Forsyth area has begun with the positioning of three location wells just north of there. Another two locations are reported in the process of being made. A new well was also discovered and two others were being tested in Musselshell county. Other exploration drillings were made this month in Rosebud and Glacier counties.

February 1973 employment in the wholesale and retail trades, and finance, insurance and real estate were down slightly from one month ago but up from the same month one year ago. Service trades and government employment both increased some from last month and February one year ago.

Agricultural employment was 25.3 thousand in February, up 1,000 from January's employment and the same as it was in February 1972. Most Montana winter wheat fields were bare at the end of February. Winter wheat in portions of the central and north-central regions received moderate wind damage as a result. Concern is developing because of below normal precipitation so far this winter in the major winter wheat producing areas. In the central region winter wheat was in poor to fair condition while in other areas it was in fair to good condition.

There will be more grain seeded in the state as the Montana farmer and rancher seeding intentions indicate 1973 spring wheat acreage will be up 2%, and barley acreage up 7% over 1972 planted acres. Durum wheat acreage is expected to be up sharply but other spring wheat unchanged. Small increases in sugarbeet and potato acreages are expected with moderate declines for corn and oat acres. Flaxseed and dry bean acreages are expected to be about the same as last year, and farmers and ranchers expect to harvest the same amount of hay acreage as last year.

Mild weather throughout most of February was ideal for calving and lambing, and losses of newborn animals are lighter than normal so far this year. Montana cattle and sheep are in good condition. Stockwater supplies are short in portions of the central, north-central and northeast regions but adequate elsewhere. Grazing was open in most areas

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

throughout the month. Winter ranges and pastures were in good condition in the eastern third of the state, fair condition in the central and southwest regions and fair to good condition elsewhere. Sheepshearing began in the first half of the month.

The Montana Prices Received Index advanced one point during the month ending February 15 1973. The increase was caused primarily by higher prices for meat animals and wool - most crop prices declined. At 138% of the 1947-49 base, the All Farm Products Index was 35 points above a year earlier.

Montana farmers and ranchers received \$794 million in 1972 from the sale of agricultural products and through government payments. This was 12% above the 1971 cash receipts of \$712 million. Cash receipts from livestock were \$469 million, up 15% from 1971, and cash receipts from crops at \$246 million were up 9% from 1971. Government payments totaled \$79 million in 1972, compared with \$78 million in 1971.

The amount of potatoes held in storage by Montana growers, local dealers and processors totaled 1,180,000 cwt. March 1, 7% more than a year earlier. Total stocks account for 72% of last year's Montana potato production.

Bank debits for Montana's two Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas and for the state as a whole started the new year by climbing more than 25%. Billings led Great Falls and the state with a 37% increase in January. Great Falls bank debits were up 31% and the state was up 47%. At 59%, Miles City had the largest gain. Other communities showing gains were Belt, Cascade, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Lewistown, Malta, Sidney, Laurel, Worden, Harlowton, Anaconda, Bozeman, Kalispell, Livingston and Missoula.

Total private average hourly earnings for February was \$3.67, five cents higher than January and 22 cents an hour more than February 1972. Average weekly earnings in February was \$133.59, up \$3.27 from last month and up \$6.28 from one year ago. Average weekly hours were up from 36.0 recorded in January to 36.4 in February; however, this was a drop from 36.9 in February of last year.

ANACONDA Anaconda's employment remained good this past month and is expected to get better, with several major projects in the area scheduled to start in the near future. The local smelter has called back all workers who had not previously been called back since the strike of 1971. A railroad company is putting in about 2.5 miles of new track and has rehired 20 laborers.

BILLINGS Milder weather continued to allow a large increase in residential and commercial construction and there was a steady demand for workers in the wholesale, retail and service industries. Agricultural employment showed an increase in March due to calving, lambing and crop preparation.

BOZEMAN All major construction projects remained on

schedule as the better weather conditions set in. A Bozeman sand and gravel company was awarded an \$830,000 contract to widen the west end of the city's main street and to install culverts and relocate power lines. Work is planned to start about April 1, and the project will employ 60 to 70 people. A new motorcycle dealer and service shop opened during mid-month. Agricultural activities during March included feeding and care of livestock, and lambing and calving is well along. Sorting of potatoes continues.

BUTTE Construction in the area is increasing as milder weather sets in. A new building to house an existing automobile speed shop is nearing completion. A new western store is planning to open in April, in a building now being remodeled. The Legion Oasis will open by April 15 with 150 apartments, and a new medical clinic will also open in April. Retail and

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

BUTTE (Cont.) service occupations are starting to pick up with the opening of a new motel complex in March. The local smelter is short of experienced hard rock miners.

CUT BANK The weather has been warm and dry during March with temperatures above normal. Factories in Browning are operating at a normal pace and oilfield activity remains steady. Construction consists of the Browning Junior High School, a new nursing home and several small remodeling projects in Browning. Shearing and calving are getting underway in the area.

DILLON Nine new men were hired during the month on road construction. Main street hiring continues to be slow and there were layoffs in logging because of spring break-up. An ice cream stand that closed for the winter reopened this month, and the livestock auction yards that has been closed since November reopened this month. Demand continues for single ranch hands and single ranch cooks.

GLASGOW The labor market during the past month consisted of openings for general laborers and some for production work at the base. Also with the weather permitting, several of the drive-in food services plan to open in a short time.

GLENDIVE Construction projects are starting to show some activity, mainly the preparation of equipment. Labor needs for local construction are still in doubt as contractors keep an eye on the weather, but plan to be in full swing by the beginning of April. Wholesale and retail trades remain slow with very little hiring. Farm and ranch activity is on a definite climb and the oilfield activity in the area remains steady.

GREAT FALLS Demands in construction have been slow for new hires with approximately 100 recalls due to mild outside weather this month. Agriculture demands have been steady for ranch hands for feeding, calving and sheep shearing. Labor disputes at a local soft drink bottling company and a floorlayer business still continue. Wholesale and retail demands remain steady.

HAMILTON No major construction projects are presently in progress in Hamilton; however, the city will open bids on two street sewer projects. Retail merchants report business volumes are up over previous years. Agriculture was dormant during the month with calving the main activity. Lumber mills were stable but layoffs did occur in logging as roads turned muddy.

HAVRE Outlook for employment in the nonagricultural field has continued to be good for this time of year. Outside construction work continues to create demand for skilled workers. Exploration drilling remained slow but is showing signs of increased activity starting in April. A new supper club opened for business in Havre and a new motel is to open soon. Outlook for employment in the agricultural field continues to show a small amount of increased activity with calving, shearing and spring field work hands needed.

HELENA Road contractors will begin work on a project south of Helena which will employ from 50 to 60 workers. Also, beginning soon will be the construction of a new shopping center which should employ about 50 men for most of the summer. Work also continues on the new YMCA building, the addition to State Employment Security Central Office and a new restaurant. St. John's hospital officials announced an impending closure of their facility, citing high costs and a lowered use ratio as reasons. No definite date was set but this closure will affect about 250 employees.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

KALISPELL Construction employment climbed again this month as the result of accelerated activity on building of shopping centers, mobile home parks and commercial building. A \$60,000 building permit was issued this week for a cafe. Retail employment is climbing within all divisions of industry. Lumber manufacturing employment was given a good boost this week with the hiring of 25 sawmill workers; however, logging employment dropped by 55 due to spring breakup.

LEWISTOWN The main activities during the past month have been an increase in mining activities, and the addition of nine units to a local motel. The agricultural picture remained steady with calls for single farm and ranch hands and married couples.

LIBBY Libby Dam employment increased to 654 this month as several contractors began preparations for resumption of construction operations later; however, construction is still down. With the exception of construction and logging all other industries are holding up well.

LIVINGSTON Outdoor work is slowly reopening as the weather remained good. Construction on the sewer line from Gardiner to Mammoth continues but they are only using a small crew at this time. All other industries are remaining steady at this time.

MILES CITY The labor market in the area is picking up as all new construction projects are continuing as planned and crews began last week on the stretch of new highway west of Forsyth, and on the stretch between Terry and Glendive. The area is short of qualified experienced ranch hands.

MISSOULA Continuing warm weather this month brought an upturn in hiring to many segments of the economy. Agricultural suppliers

commenced gearing up in anticipation of the approaching soil preparation and planting season. The lumbering industry retained its health and construction was very strong for this early date. All indications are that 1973 will be another banner growth year for the Missoula economy. A \$15 million plywood mill now under construction will create 700 additional permanent jobs by year's end. Two more shopping centers and two more major motels are planned to be built this year.

POLSON Sawmill work in the local area remains steady with very little hiring except as replacement help. Logging has slowed down considerably but there is still some demand for loggers in certain areas. Construction work remains fairly quiet with some jobs becoming a little more active in recent weeks. Cafe and retail trade activity is good with a demand for waitresses and cooks. Farm work is also good, with potato harvest pretty well underway.

SHELBY Wholesale, retail and service industries all remained steady during March with calls for sales-clerks, mechanics, laborers and domestic help. In agriculture, shearing and tagging teams are working in the area and there is a call for farm couples and rock pickers.

SIDNEY General highway construction is beginning to recall workers to start the highway work south of Sidney. Local building contractors are also beginning to get full 40 hours a week of work. Several oil rigs have stacked out for a few weeks and seismograph work has been halted due to frost going out making the sites inaccessible. Spring calving is beginning to provide a need for ranch hands. Also, fertilizer application will begin to employ additional workers soon.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

THOMPSON FALLS The employment level in the logging industry continued to slack off this month as spring breakup slowed production. A slight increase occurred in employment levels for the construction industry as a few workers were called to work on the power house at Libby Dam. Employment levels in all other industrial groups remained stable.

WOLF POINT There has been a gradual buildup in employment in retail trade, some call-back in construction, and some hiring on cattle ranches. Agriculture orders are increasing; however, most seasonal hiring will take place in April.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

April through June 1973

With milder weather coming, outdoor activity is expected to increase at a rapid pace. Agriculture, tourist activities, and building and highway construction will cause a sharp rise in employment. Outlook for construction development in Montana looks good for the remaining 1973 year with such major projects as a \$15 million plywood plant being built near Missoula, construction of a new \$22 million smelter in Anaconda scheduled to begin this spring, and a new airport terminal and runway at Great Falls to be started soon. Also, oil and gas exploration should have a record year, and all indications point to an excellent tourist season.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

February 1973

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	111	66	686
CEP	63	28	209
MDTA (Inst.)	43	25	268
JOBS	5	5	30
JOP	5	5	58
Job Corps	40	9	189

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{1/}

February 1973

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	4.2%
Female	25.4%
Youth	8.8%
Over 45	32.8%

^{1/} Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	8.8	6.6	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	9.0	6.6	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	8.3	6.3	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	7.1	5.7	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	5.8	5.3	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	7.1	6.5	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	6.2	6.2	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	5.3	5.4	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	6.3	5.7	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	7.2	5.5	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	9.3	6.4	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	9.3	6.4	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	8.8	6.1	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	7.6	5.5	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	6.8	5.1	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	7.7	6.2	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	6.5	5.8	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	6.4	5.5	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	6.0	5.4	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	5.9	5.1	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	7.2	4.9	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	9.7	4.7	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	285.1	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	9.2	5.5	.1
February	285.3	261.6	236.3	25.3	23.7	8.3	5.6	*
March	293.6	270.6	240.6	30.0	23.0	7.8		*
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1957

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	6.8	8.8	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	7.1	9.0	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	6.6	8.3	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	5.8	7.1	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	5.4	5.8	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	6.9	7.1	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	6.5	6.2	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	6.2	5.9	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	6.0	5.7	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	4.8	5.3	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	5.5	6.3	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	6.1	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	7.6	9.3	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	7.5	9.3	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	6.4	8.8	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	5.6	7.6	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	5.2	6.8	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	7.9	7.7	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	6.9	6.5	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	6.9	6.4	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	6.5	5.9	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	7.4	7.2	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	8.1	9.5	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	31.3	28.5	27.5	1.0	2.8	9.0	9.2	*
February	31.2	28.5	27.5	1.0	2.7	8.7	8.3	*
March	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	7.3	7.8	
April								
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Avg.								

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Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1962

Table III
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	6.7	8.8	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	7.2	9.0	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	7.1	8.3	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	5.6	7.1	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	4.9	5.8	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	6.6	7.1	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	5.8	6.2	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	5.6	5.9	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	5.4	5.7	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	4.4	5.3	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	5.8	6.3	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	6.2	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	7.2	9.3	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	7.4	9.3	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	7.2	8.8	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	5.6	7.6	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	5.7	6.8	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	7.0	7.7	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	6.1	6.5	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	5.8	6.4	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	5.3	6.0	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	4.8	5.9	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	5.7	7.2	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	6.0	9.7	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	40.1	37.2	35.7	1.5	2.9	7.2	9.2	*
February	40.0	37.5	36.2	1.3	2.5	6.3	8.3	*
March	41.0	38.5	36.9	1.6	2.5	6.1	7.8	
April								
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Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

FEBRUARY 1973

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	285.3	285.1	281.5	.2	3.8
2. Unemployment	23.7	26.2	26.3	-2.5	-2.6
Percent of Work Force	8.3	9.2	9.3	-.9	-1.0
3. Employment, Total	261.6	258.8	255.1	2.8	6.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	209.3	207.9	203.1	1.4	6.2
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	24.6	24.6	24.7	0	-.1
Durable Goods	15.9	15.9	16.3	0	-.4
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.0	9.1	8.8	-.1	.2
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.4	4.6	0	-1.2
Other Durable Goods	3.5	3.4	2.9	.1	.6
Non-durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.4	0	.3
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	.1
27 Printing and Publishing	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	.1
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Other Non-durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	.1
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	184.7	183.3	178.4	1.4	6.3
Mining	6.5	6.4	6.0	.1	.5
10 Metal Mining	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	.3
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ..	.9	.9	.8	0	.1
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.7	1.6	1.6	.1	.1

Contract Construction	8.2	7.9	8.8	.3	-6
15 General Building Contractors	2.2	2.4	2.3	-.2	-1
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.4	1.9	3.2	.5	-8
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.6	3.6	3.3	0	.3
<u>Transportation and Public Utilities</u>	17.1	17.1	17.4	0	-3
40 Railroad Transportation	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	-2
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	-2
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services ..	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	.1
<u>Wholesale and Retail Trade</u>	50.6	50.7	48.1	-.1	2.5
Wholesale Trade	10.5	10.7	10.1	-.2	.4
Retail Trade	40.1	40.0	38.0	.1	2.1
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories ...	6.6	6.8	6.8	-.2	-2
54 Food Stores	5.7	5.8	5.6	-.1	.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.5	8.3	8.2	.2	.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	11.2	11.1	9.8	.1	1.4
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc. .	8.1	8.0	7.6	.1	.5
<u>Finance, Insurance and Real Estate</u>	8.9	9.0	8.5	-.1	.4
<u>Services</u>	37.0	36.6	35.3	.4	1.7
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	4.7	4.6	3.7	.1	1.0
72 Personal Services	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	-.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.3	12.2	12.0	.1	.3
Other Services	17.7	17.5	17.2	.2	.5
<u>Government</u>	56.4	55.6	54.3	.8	2.1
91 Federal Government	11.1	11.2	11.1	-.1	0
92 & 93 State and Local Government	45.3	44.4	43.2	.9	2.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	27.0	26.6	26.7	.4	.3
(c) Agriculture	25.3	24.3	25.3	1.0	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	.1	.1	0	0

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Series began January 1964.
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Table V
MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
Employment by Industry
FEBRUARY 1973
in Thousands

INDUSTRY				Net Changes to Current Month from:	
	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	31.2	31.3	30.6	-.1	.6
2. Unemployment	2.7	2.8	2.3	-.1	.4
<i>Percent of Work Force</i>	8.7	9.0	7.5	-.3	1.2
3. Employment, Total	28.5	28.5	28.3	0	.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	25.3	25.4	25.2	-.1	.1
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	2.2	2.2	2.9	0	-.7
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	23.1	23.2	22.3	-.1	.8
Contract Construction	1.1	1.2	1.1	-.1	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.3	7.3	7.0	0	.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	.2
Services and Mining	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	.1
Government	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	.2
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.2	2.1	2.2	.1	0
(c) Agriculture	1.0	1.0	.9	0	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	*	*	0	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

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Table VI
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Employment by Industry
FEBRUARY 1973
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1973	Feb. 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	40.0	40.1	38.0	-.1	2.0
2. Unemployment	2.5	2.9	2.8	-.4	-.3
<i>Percent of Work Force</i>	6.3	7.2	7.4	-.9	-1.1
3. Employment, Total	37.5	37.2	35.2	.3	2.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	32.3	31.9	30.4	.4	1.9
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	3.8	3.7	3.6	.1	.2
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	28.5	28.2	26.8	.3	1.7
Contract Construction	1.5	1.4	1.5	.1	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.0	3.1	2.8	-.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9.8	9.7	9.3	.1	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	6.4	6.4	5.9	0	.5
Government	6.0	5.8	5.6	.2	.4
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	3.9	3.8	3.8	.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.3	1.5	1.0	-.2	.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	*	*	0	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

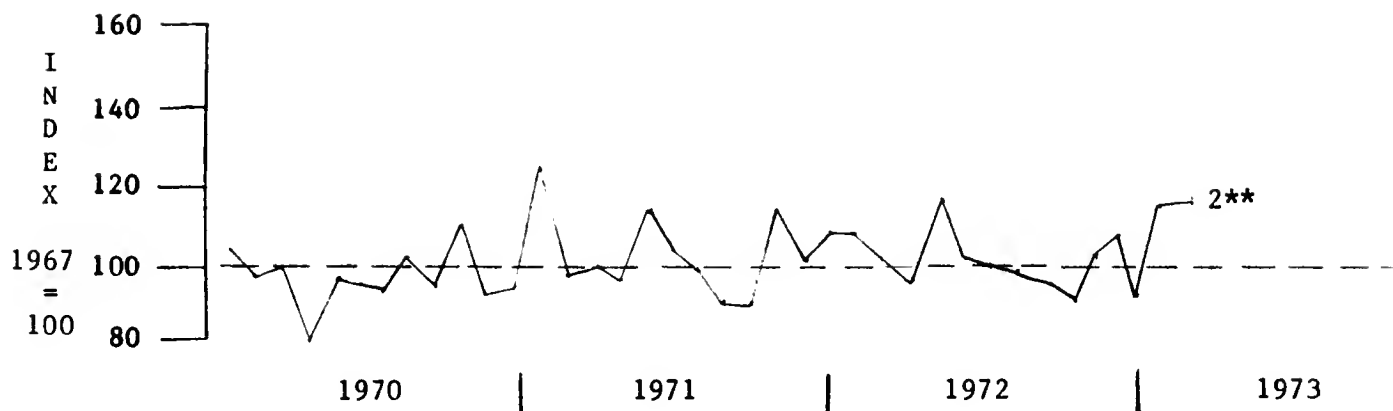
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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1972

January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9

1973

January	116.0
February	118.0 ^p
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Data for the first quarter in 1973 displayed the strongest upward trend in several years. The majority of data, however, are preliminary at this time. If final data holds this trend, it indicates strong economic activity during the next few months.

Taken separately, the seasonally adjusted leading indicators show: Building Permits up over last year, Average Weekly Initial Claims up only slightly over last year's total, Accessions up over last year and Layoffs only slightly higher than the total for last year. Manufacturing Employment and Weekly Hours are about the same as last year's level.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data. p: Preliminary.

Table VII
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	6.9	6.0	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	6.8	5.8	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	6.5	6.0	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	6.5	6.1	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	6.3	6.2	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	6.5	5.6	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	7.0	5.8	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	7.6	6.1	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	7.6	6.0	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	7.3	5.8	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	6.4	6.0	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	7.1	6.0	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	7.3	5.9	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	7.1	5.7	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	6.9	5.9	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	7.0	5.9	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	7.4	5.9	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	7.2	5.5	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	7.3	5.5	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	8.3	5.6	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	7.9	5.5	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	8.1	5.5	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	7.4	5.2	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	9.4	5.1	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	7.2	5.0	.1
February	304.1	284.9	249.5	35.4	19.2	6.3	5.1	*
March	308.1	289.3	253.3	36.0	18.8	6.1		
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
 Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1957
 NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should
 not be confused with actual numbers.

Table VIII
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	5.5	6.9	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	5.8	6.5	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	5.7	6.5	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.3	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	6.0	6.5	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	6.8	7.0	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	7.4	7.6	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	7.3	7.6	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	6.1	7.3	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	5.8	6.4	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.3	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.1	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	5.6	6.9	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	5.5	7.0	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	5.3	7.4	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	7.1	7.2	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	7.2	7.3	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	8.2	8.3	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	8.4	7.9	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	7.7	7.4	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	8.6	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	32.6	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.4	7.4	7.2	*
February	32.3	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.3	7.1	6.3	*
March	32.5	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.0	6.2	6.1	
April								
May								
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December								
Avg.								

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not be confused with actual numbers.

Table IX
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	5.7	6.9	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	5.8	6.8	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	6.1	6.5	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	5.8	6.5	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	5.5	6.3	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	5.4	6.5	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	6.0	7.0	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	6.3	7.6	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	6.4	7.6	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	6.0	7.3	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	6.4	6.4	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	6.4	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	6.1	7.3	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	5.9	7.1	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	6.0	6.9	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	5.7	7.0	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	6.3	7.4	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	5.7	7.2	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	6.3	7.3	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	6.7	8.3	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	6.2	7.9	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	6.5	8.1	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	6.2	7.4	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	6.3	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	42.1	39.5	37.1	2.4	2.6	6.2	7.2	*
February	41.4	39.3	37.3	2.0	2.1	5.1	6.3	*
March	41.5	39.3	37.3	2.0	2.2	5.3	6.1	
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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 not be confused with actual numbers.

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS For Private Nonagricultural Industries

FEBRUARY 1973

	<u>Average Weekly Earnings</u>		<u>Average Weekly Hours</u>		<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>	
	<u>Feb. 1973</u>	<u>Jan. 1973</u>	<u>Feb. 1972</u>	<u>Jan. 1973</u>	<u>Feb. 1973</u>	<u>Jan. 1973</u>
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$133.59	\$130.32	\$127.31	36.4	36.0	36.9
MANUFACTURING*						
Durable Goods*	180.43	167.90	162.81	41.1	39.6	40.3
Primary Metal Industries*	185.74	168.05	161.19	42.6	40.3	40.5
Nondurable Goods	173.70	162.57	144.20	38.6	38.8	36.6
Food and Kindred Products	167.63	168.72	166.14	37.5	38.0	39.0
	151.31	152.47	152.93	39.2	39.5	41.0
MINING						
Metal Mining	185.03	184.63	186.98	40.4	40.4	42.4
	184.24	184.24	193.95	39.2	39.2	43.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	220.10	203.52	211.91	35.5	33.2	36.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	209.82	205.02	188.48	40.9	40.2	41.7
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	170.44	170.88	159.14	38.3	38.4	39.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	106.18	105.53	102.20	34.7	34.6	35.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	105.56	105.93	97.46	37.3	37.3	36.5
SERVICES	87.12	87.72	83.15	33.0	33.1	33.8

* Increases due to wage adjustments in Industries 24 and 33.
Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES
In Manufacturing and Mining Industries
(per 100 employees)

JANUARY 1973

	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES			
	Total		New Hires		Quits		Layoffs	
	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972
MANUFACTURING								
	3.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.9
Durable Goods	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.1	2.5
Primary Metal Industries	2.1	1.8	1.2	.5	.7	1.7	*	.4
Nondurable Goods	3.1	1.9	2.3	3.0	1.1	1.4	.8	.7
MINING								
	4.5	5.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.6	.1	*
Metal Mining	5.6	4.3	3.4	3.6	3.4	1.6	*	.5

* Less than .05.
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES
In Selected Industries
(Percent)

JANUARY 1973

	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972
MANUFACTURING	.1	.1	.2
Durable Goods	*	.1	.2
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	.2	*	.2
MINING	1.0	*	*

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. It is presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

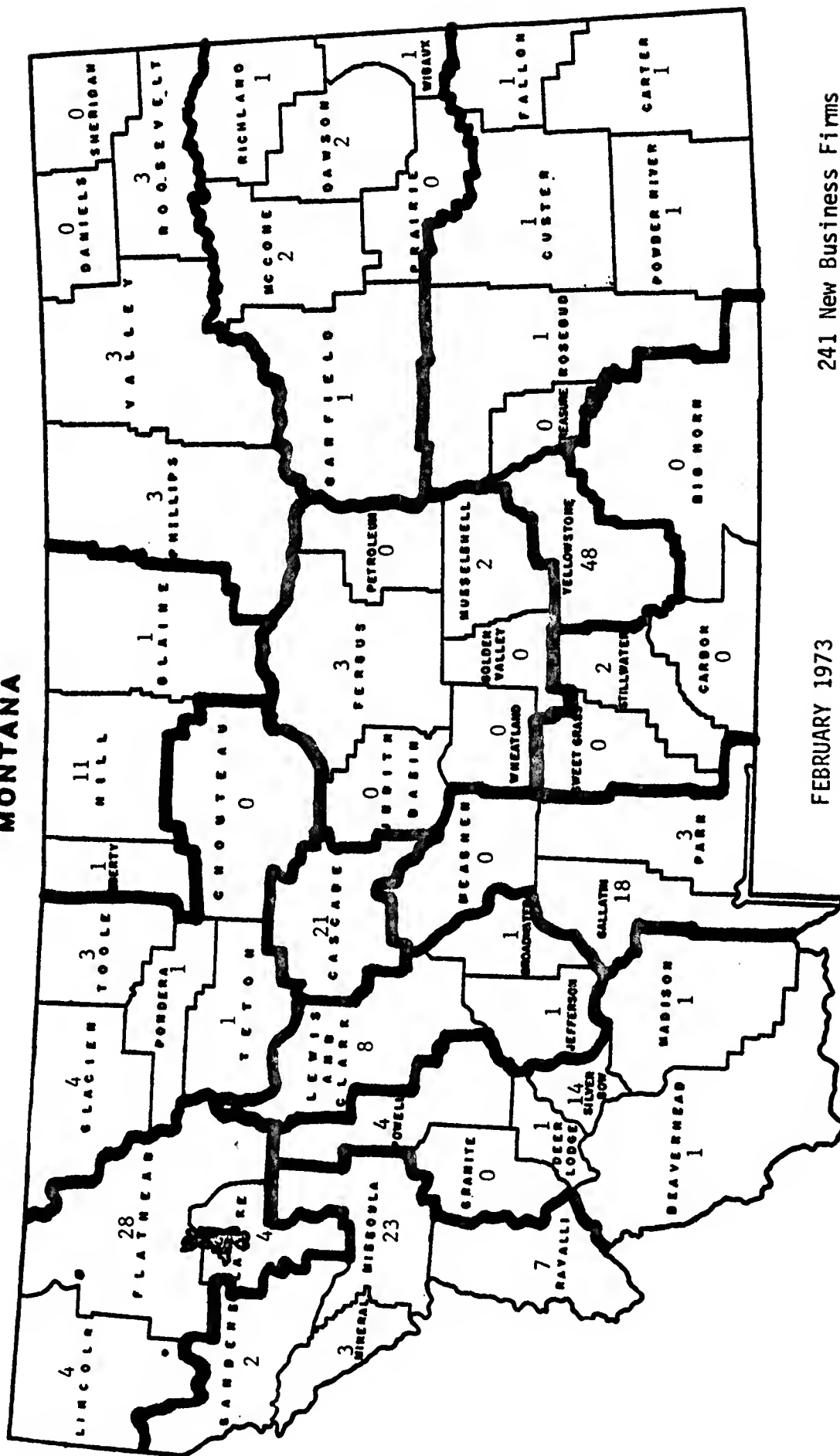
The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of February, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in February by industry:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	23
MINING	2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	40
MANUFACTURING	15
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	20
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	49
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	29
SERVICES	63
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TOTAL	241

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS

IN MONTANA



FEBRUARY 1973

241 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Avg. 1971	Annual Avg. 1972
1. CIVILIAN WORK FORCE	269.8	272.4	276.7	287.4	293.0	316.3	318.0	318.9	297.4	286.7	290.8	288.7	293.0	292.9
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	23.7	24.5	23.1	20.3	17.1	22.5	19.8	18.0	16.9	15.3	18.2	20.9	20.1	18.3
3. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	245.7	247.5	253.6	267.1	275.9	293.7	292.4	294.2	274.7	271.3	272.5	267.7	271.4	264.9
(a) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	193.0	193.5	196.7	201.4	207.0	216.0	212.7	214.7	214.0	213.0	212.6	210.7	207.1	201.4
MANUFACTURING	23.0	22.3	22.8	23.0	23.7	25.1	23.1	23.4	23.7	26.3	26.0	25.3	24.0	23.9
Durable Goods	14.6	14.5	15.0	15.0	15.7	17.0	14.8	15.0	15.2	17.5	17.3	16.4	15.7	15.5
24 Lumber and Wood Products	7.7	7.6	8.0	7.6	8.1	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.2
33 Primary Metal Industries	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.9	2.2	2.2	2.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.7
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.6
Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.3	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.4
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.3
27 Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
MANUFACTURING	170.0	170.7	173.0	178.4	183.3	190.9	189.6	191.3	190.3	186.7	186.6	185.4	183.1	177.5
Mining	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.7	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	6.3	6.4	5.4	6.6
10 Metal Mining	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	3.5	3.6	2.9	4.0
12-14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining .....	.6	.7	.7	.8	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	.9	.8
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.8
Contract Construction	6.8	7.4	8.2	10.4	12.2	12.9	14.1	14.7	14.9	14.7	13.3	10.7	11.7	11.0
15 General Building Contractors	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.6
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.0	2.6	3.1	4.5	5.7	6.0	6.7	7.1	7.2	6.9	5.6	3.9	5.1	4.7
17 Special Trade Contractors	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.6	18.1	18.2	18.2	18.2	17.9	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.4
40 Railroad Transportation	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.6
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.6
48-49 Comm., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	46.4	45.3	47.0	48.5	49.9	51.9	52.6	53.3	52.3	50.9	50.8	51.9	50.1	48.1
Wholesale Trade	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.0	9.8
Retail Trade	36.3	36.3	37.5	38.7	40.1	41.7	42.3	42.9	42.0	40.6	40.5	41.5	40.1	38.3
53-56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.2	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.5	8.2	7.2	7.0
54 Food Stores	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.6
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.9
58 Eating and Drinking Places	9.3	9.4	10.1	10.7	11.5	12.1	12.3	12.6	12.2	11.2	10.7	10.5	11.1	10.4
52-57 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc.	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.4	7.8	7.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.1
Services	33.1	33.5	34.1	34.6	34.8	36.5	37.3	37.1	36.3	35.4	35.3	35.4	35.3	33.7
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.0	5.6	6.0	6.1	5.0	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.0
72 Personal Services	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4
80 Medical and other Health Services	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.1
Other Services	15.9	16.2	16.6	16.9	16.7	16.7	17.0	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	16.7	16.2
Government	52.4	52.7	53.1	53.0	54.0	56.1	55.1	55.6	55.9	55.2	54.6	54.7	54.4	52.6
91 Federal Government	10.7	10.6	10.8	10.9	11.5	12.9	13.6	13.6	12.7	11.9	11.5	11.3	11.9	11.9
92-93 State and Local Government	41.7	42.1	42.3	42.1	42.5	43.2	41.5	42.0	43.2	43.3	43.1	43.4	42.5	40.7
(b) ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	28.4	28.8	28.7	28.2	29.4	30.5	30.1	29.9	28.3	28.8	28.5	28.1	29.0	28.5
(c) AGRICULTURE	24.3	25.2	28.2	37.5	39.5	47.2	49.6	49.6	32.4	29.5	31.4	28.9	35.3	33.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .....	.4	.4	*	*	*	.1	5.8	5.8	5.8	.1	.1	.1	1.5	.1

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural, self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

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INDUSTRY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Avg. 1972	Change 1972- 1973
1. <u>STATISTICAL FUEL</u>	280.2	281.5	289.5	296.3	300.7	313.3	313.2	317.7	295.1	286.7	239.5	294.4	297.4	293.0
2. <u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>	26.0	26.3	25.6	22.4	20.5	24.9	20.4	20.6	17.7	17.0	20.9	28.1	22.6	20.1
Percent of work force	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.8
3. <u>EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL</u>	254.7	255.1	263.8	273.8	280.0	298.3	292.4	296.5	277.1	269.6	268.5	266.1	274.7	271.4
(a) <u>NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY</u>	202.8	203.1	206.4	209.1	212.6	219.1	217.7	217.7	215.7	213.5	212.8	213.2	212.0	207.1
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	24.8	24.7	24.1	24.0	24.3	25.2	25.4	25.2	24.9	25.6	25.4	25.2	24.9	24.0
Durable goods	16.3	16.3	16.0	15.8	16.1	16.8	16.7	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.4	15.7
24 Lumber and Wood Products	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.2	8.5	9.1	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.0	8.7
33 Primary Metal Industries	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.0	4.1
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	2.9
Nondurable goods	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.4	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.5	8.3
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	178.0	178.4	182.3	185.1	188.3	193.9	192.3	192.5	190.8	187.9	187.4	188.0	187.1	183.1
Mining	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.4
10 Metal Mining	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	2.9
12-14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
Contract Construction	8.9	8.8	10.3	11.2	12.1	11.6	11.2	11.1	11.0	10.5	9.6	8.3	10.4	11.7
15 General Building Contractors	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.9
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.3	3.2	4.0	4.4	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.3	2.4	3.9	5.1
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.8	18.2	18.3	18.4	18.3	17.9	17.6	17.5	17.9	17.7
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0
48-49 Comm., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	48.2	48.1	49.6	50.3	51.5	52.9	53.2	53.7	53.3	51.5	52.1	53.4	51.5	50.1
Wholesale Trade	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.5	10.0	10.6	10.7	10.3	10.0
Retail Trade	38.1	38.0	39.4	40.1	41.3	42.7	42.8	43.1	42.8	41.5	41.5	42.7	41.2	40.1
53-56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.1	8.0	7.0	7.2
54 Food Stores	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.2
58 Eating and Drinking Places	9.6	9.8	10.6	11.2	12.2	12.8	13.0	13.3	12.9	12.0	11.9	11.6	11.7	11.1
52, 57, 59-Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furniture, Misc.	7.6	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.8	8.2	7.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.5
Services	35.0	35.3	35.9	36.2	36.3	38.2	38.7	38.7	37.9	37.1	36.9	36.8	36.9	35.3
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.4	6.2	6.5	6.5	5.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.4
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.0	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.2	11.8
Other Services	17.0	17.2	17.5	17.7	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.4	17.7	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	16.7
Government	53.9	54.3	54.5	55.2	55.8	58.0	55.8	55.4	55.2	55.8	55.9	56.6	55.5	54.4
91 Federal Government	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.5	11.9	13.1	13.5	13.4	12.7	12.1	11.8	11.6	12.7	11.9
92-93 State and Local Government	42.8	43.2	43.4	43.7	43.9	44.9	42.3	42.0	42.5	43.7	44.1	45.0	43.4	42.5
(b) <u>ALL OTHER NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT</u>	26.8	26.7	27.5	26.8	28.1	29.7	28.4	27.9	24.6	25.7	25.2	25.3	26.9	29.0
(c) <u>AGRICULTURE</u>	25.1	25.3	29.9	37.9	39.3	49.5	46.3	50.9	36.8	30.4	30.5	27.6	35.8	35.3
4. <u>Persons involved in labor/management disputes</u>1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.4	.6	.3	.1	.1	.2	.2	1.5

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ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

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Pondera
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